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Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christingle Service

Thank you to all children and families for coming out on a chilly Winter evening to celebrate the First Christmas Story with us all. It was wonderful to see such a busy church and lots of families joining us to celebrate the Christmas Story with us. The children always enjoy collaborative events and this one certainly demonstrated the growing confidence and skills of even our younger children. High expectations of our children helps to enable children to reach their full potential. Pre-school and Reception class were super stars along with all other members of the school community.

For those celebrating Christmas this year, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. I wish all families a very happy and peaceful New Year.



Winter Fair Update

The PTA met this week and are delighted to update you with the total amount raised for Greenmount Primary School. The PTA raised just over £2200 for the benefit of all children at school. The PTA are meeting in the New Year to discuss the short term, medium term and long term fundraising goals to continue to enrich the experiences of children at Greenmount. Please continue to support the events organised through participation, by helping to organise and run events or through engagement.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Lunch

Huge thanks go to Jade and the wider kitchen team for such an incredible Christmas Lunch on Wednesday and Party Lunch on Friday. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying their lunches whilst spending time with their friends.

Personal achievements:

Skylar won a football trophy for scoring 2 goals and setting up another goal. She said one of the goals was "epic"! Well done Skylar!



Thank you and Farewell:

This week we said a sad goodbye and Thank you to Mrs Turvey. Mrs Turvey has worked as a teacher at Greenmount for 16 years but is moving on to a new career. We will miss her but wish her well in her new ventures. Mrs Pontin will be the new teacher in Sphinx class.

We have also said goodbye and thank you to Mr Ritchie, who has been an administrator (and helped with many tasks in school) over the last 4 years. You'll be missed. Mr Oliver who has been in Greenhaven for a term, is returning to mainstream education. Thank you Mr Oliver. Mrs Richards and the newly established team will be in Greenhaven whilst this is stabilised and recruitment is secured.

Medicines and personal care items:

Please ensure that any items brought into school that are for medical purposes or self-care are signed in at the office with a medical form.

This includes any medicine whether prescribed or not, as this needs to be logged as being in school and we need clear administration instructions. Items such as lip balms also need to be recorded as being in school or any varying hand soaps. Schools have to have a log of any items that has chemicals in it under COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health). Whilst it may at first appear a lip balm is safe, it may contain nuts which are an allergen to others or it could contain harmful ingredients. We want to ensure all children are safe at all times.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Wellies

Mermaid Class are hoping that we can build a class set of wellies to be able to utilise the outside grassed area for more time throughout the year. Please can we ask if you have any wellies at home that your children have outgrown they are brought into school and donated to reception class. Many thanks everyone for your ongoing support of the school. 😊

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
Week 7			
Fri 20 th Dec	Term ends	Everyone 😊	Last Day of the term – happy holidays 😊
Winter break – Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January			
Week 1			
Mon 6 th Jan	Term starts	Everyone 😊	We look forward to seeing everyone for the start of the Spring Term in school.
Mon - Fri	Pupil Passport Review	Children with SEND	If your child is registered as having Special Educational Needs and Disabilities your child's class teacher will be in touch to ensure there is a discussion regarding their updated pupil passport.
Week 2			
Wed 15 th Jan	Primary school application deadline	Anyone with children due to start school in September	Application deadline closes at midnight. Please do let any families know about us and encourage visits to the school.
Wed 15 th Jan	Y6 SATs meeting	Year 6	This is a meeting for parents about the SATs in May. There are two meetings – one at 9:00am and a second at 5:00pm hopefully to allow as many of you to attend as possible.
Thurs 16 th Jan	Science Day 1	Everyone 😊	Science Day 1 – more information to follow
Fri 17 th Jan	Science Day 2	Everyone 😊	Science Day 2 – come to school dressed up as someone from the field of science – a doctor, dentist, paleontologist, mad scientist... Ready for a fun day of experiments and investigations.
Week 3			
Week 4			
Mon - Thurs	Mock SATs Week	Y6	Mock SATs Week to practice the routines and tests ahead of the SATs week in May, so children are well prepared and ready not only the academic skills but also the social and emotional wellbeing of them.
Week 5			
Mon - Thurs	KS1 Mock SATs Week	Y2	Mock SATs Week to practice the routines and tests ahead of the SATs week in May/June, so children are well prepared and ready not only the academic skills but also the social and emotional wellbeing of them.
Fri 7 th Feb	Numbers Day	All classes	Numbers Day – more information to follow 😊
Week 6			
Tues 11 th Feb	Internet Safety Day	All classes	Internet Safety Day – safety activities throughout the day.



CHRISTMAS BARN

14th, 15th, 19th, 21st,
22th Dec'

*Adult entry
£5 - includes
mulled apple
juice and mince
pie*

**Gifts and
cards and
art
flapjacks**

*19th - Mulled apple
juice, mince pies and
Carols*

KIDZONE

Track down the 10 snowmen to
claim your chocolate
Make a tree decoration £5
Please book this activity on our website
before 8.30am of the day



MORE INFO'
www.naturezones.org.uk
BLACKWATER



DECEMBER 2024

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA



The Christmas Holidays are upon us, and on the Isle of Wight Rocks we're packed with ideas of things to do with the family over the break. Head to our website collections to get inspired!

➡ [Christmas Holiday Events](#)

➡ [Holiday Clubs](#)

➡ [Fresh air](#)

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Check out some of these quick links to family festive fun to add some extra cheer to your diary!

➡ [Christmas at the Garlic Farm](#)

➡ [Wildheart Wonderland](#)

➡ [Aladdin the Panto](#)

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Christmas Sports Activity Days



Premier School Sport Coaching

Greenmount Primary School

St. Vincents Road, Ryde, PO33 3PT

Booking is Essential please Email: psscld@gmail.com

**Monday 23rd December
Tuesday 24th December**

**Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January**

Cost: £FREE – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

(if on income related Free School meals) Funded by the Department of Education



9.00am till 3.00pm each day.



The activity days are for children aged 5-11 years old to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

Staffing:

All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training,

What to Bring:

Plenty to drink

Wear suitable clothing for physical activity.

Warm Clothing for outside activities



For more information and to book
Email Andy Day – psscld@gmail.com or
phone/text 07970009509



The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for nasal flu vaccinations. If your child missed this but you would like them to receive it **the Team will be returning on**

Wednesday 15th January 2025

To access the consent form please use the link:

<https://bit.ly/3C4vuwR> or QR code:



Your school code is: **118177**

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would like your child to have the flu vaccine before that date, there are community clinics available through until the end of December.

Clinics available are:

Saturday 7 th December	Enterprise House, Monks Brook, Newport	09.00 - 12.30
Monday 16 th December	East Cowes Medical Centre (next to Waitrose)	14:30 - 16.25
Tuesday 17 th December	Cowes Family Centre, Love Lane	14.50 - 16.20
Thursday 19 th December	Sandown Family Centre, The Fairway	13.50 - 16.20
Friday 20 th December	Ryde Family Centre, George Street	09.20 - 11.20

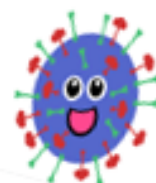
Please complete a consent form to book in. If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code for the no consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

Please contact the school Aged Immunisation Service if you need any help or advice.

Email: iow.sai@solent.nhs.uk or Tel: 0300 123 5074

**Prevent the
spread
of flu this
winter**



**Protect your
family**

SPOTLIGHT IOW
PRESENTS

Sleeping Beauty

THE SPELLBINDING
FAMILY PANTOMIME



SHANKLIN THEATRE

DECEMBER

2pm: 21st-24th, 26th-28th, 30th & 31st
3pm: 29th 6pm: 21st-23rd, 27th, 28th & 30th

JANUARY

2pm: 1st

TICKETS Age 2-4 £17 | Under 16's £19 | Seniors £21 | Adults £24
Party Rates available | Discounts for blue light card holders

Relaxed performance December 29th at 11am

Adapted to create a welcoming and accessible environment for our customers with sensory needs and disabilities

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